

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vimla Band  
Serial No. : 09/605,175  
Filed : June 28, 2000  
Title : NES-1 POLYPEPTIDES, DNA, AND RELATED MOLECULES AND METHODS

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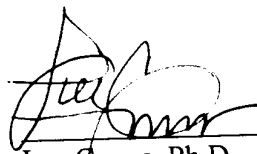
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated June 12, 2001, be extended for three months to and including December 12, 2001.

Enclosed is a check for \$460 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 12, 2001

  
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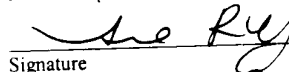
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